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LESNER BILL GETS ADVERSE REPORT

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Colonel J. M. Marshall, representing the Board of Supervisors of Norfolk county, made a long argument for the bill. It rested mainly on the contention that the annexation of territory would raise the tax rate on the citizens annexed and would thereby be a practical confiscation. He pleaded that the county ought to remain intact, unless, after careful deliberation, it was thought best to allow annexation.

A favorable report was awarded the bill.

ADVERSE REPORT ON STATE-WIDE BILL

(Continued From First Page.)

practice of their profession within the next four years. The bill, whose patron is Mr. Grigsby, and which was reported unfavorably from the Committee on General Laws, was fought for on the floor by Speaker Byrd. It was ordered to its engrossment.

The Senate will begin work this morning at 10 o'clock. With the tax commission bill out of the way, that body has apparently decided to tackle the calendar. No Senator is hereafter to be allowed to speak for more than fifteen minutes, unless on subjects of taxation or expenditure.

The Senate elected Henry C. Ford, of the Virginia Military Institute; J. L. Jarman, of the State Normal School at Farmville, and J. M. Page, of the University of Virginia, to be members of the State Board of Education.

SENATE

With President Pro Tem. Echols in the chair, the Senate convened yesterday at the usual hour.

An unfavorable report was received in the Strode State-wide prohibition bill. Favorable reports were received on the Owen bill providing for a catle tuberculosis test; on the bill to provide for the preservation of birds

and fish, and on the bill to prohibit unprofitable fishing.

Senator Strode introduced a resolution providing that hereafter the Senate shall begin its session at 10:30 A. M. except on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, and that no Senator shall speak longer than fifteen minutes on a bill, unless it pertain to the public finance. It is the intention of the Senate bills should be taken up first. This resolution was passed.

Debate on the express tax was then resumed, and Senator Sale said that the express companies are tired of coming to the Capitol every two years to have the tax on their packages levied over again. They wish some fixed basis, so that this discussion may be avoided in the future. He cited figures to show that their estimate was fair, and he said that he believed their figures as to their finances correct.

At this juncture, the Senate went into executive session to consider nominations for the State Education Board, a result of which Professor H. C. Ford, of V. M. I., James L. Jarman, of the University of Virginia, and Professor J. L. Jarman, of the State Normal School at Farmville, were declared the nominees.

Folkies Wants Higher Tax. Taking up the express tax again, Senator Folkes introduced a fierce attack upon the "low" estimate of the express companies. He ridiculed the figures on which Senator Sale had based his argument, and said that he ought to be taken with the same faith that was attached to the returns given by people on income taxes.

"No one would expect citizens of Richmond to believe this statement of profits," he exclaimed, "for they know better. They see an after van, loaded down with commercial packages, and they would not be disposed to believe that it was carrying the profits of these companies in Richmond alone amounts to at least \$91,000."

He never made any money, he said, but he had tried to get fair returns from the express companies since I have been here. If I made some of the statements that have been made here, before sundown, my constituents would put me in a padded cell."

He asserted that it was too much to ask the people to believe that the express companies were carrying the express as a labor of love by the express companies.

Wickham Defends Tax. A calm defense of the action of the Finance Committee in setting the tax by Senator Wickham. He said that the tax was a fair one, and that the express companies were not doing evil by it.

Pointing out that the figures furnished by the express companies to the committee, he said that even the case of the income tax, whether it was believed to be true or untrue, no attempt is made to make the tax more than a fair one.

Next came the other Folkes amendment, proposing a tax of \$7.50, the figure recommended by the Finance Committee. By a vote of 21 to 12 the amendment was carried.

The bill as amended passed by a vote of 21 to 12.

HOUSE

The Holland tax commission bill came from the Senate when the House met yesterday morning. It was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Agriculture and Mining reported the Owen pure stock food bill, which would impose a license tax instead of a tonnage tax on millers. It also reported the examining bill providing for the examination of pure food and the Pittsburgh-Myers pure food bill.

It reported the stock registration bill, a recommendation that it do not pass.

Election of school trustees by a vote of the people is the subject of a bill reported favorably from the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

The Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns reported the Keyser bill allowing the sale of liquor in drug stores, and the Jennings bill restricting the operation of liquor licenses.

The bill to amend the law relating to bloodhounds at the State Penitentiary was reported from the Committee on Asylums and Prisons.

From the Committee on Finance came the Cox bill, as amended, increasing the mileage tax on express companies from \$2 to a mile.

To Entertain Bailey. The Speaker appointed Messrs. Williams, of Giles; Houston, of Barham; Johnston, of Montross; and Hobson, of a committee on the part of the House to entertain Senator Joseph W. Bailey.

First on the calendar came the Bell bill, making the term between local option elections four years instead of two.

Mr. Cox opposed the bill for the same reason that he would oppose quadrennial sessions of the Legislature. He reported that the bill would be taken up by the General Assembly, and that the people should be allowed to vote as often on liquor questions. "If the people," he said, "don't take enough interest in the matter, they should have their liberties worth nothing."

The bill was passed, 21 to 12.

The Pitts bill, requiring fertilizers to be registered by brand, was passed without opposition.

Mr. Wingo moved that the Myers State-wide prohibition bill be taken up out of its order for the purpose of reporting it to the committee. This was agreed to by a large majority. He then moved that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Stephens, of Independence, Va., thought the bill would be a backward step.

The bill was a good one, in the opinion of Mr. Stephens. He saw no good reason for local option elections often more than four years.

Closing the debate, the patron, Mr. Bell, said that it was a measure solely and simply in the interest of good government. He had been asked by no one to father the bill. He wished to ally, so far as possible at this session, the bitter and vindictive feelings aroused by too frequent local option elections. In conclusion, he quoted the witticism of "Mac-beth."

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Three companion bills providing for separate custody at Williamsburg and Petersburg for the criminal insane.

The new House bill, codifying and amending the existing laws relating to oysters, fish, clams and crabs, next to be taken up.

Mr. Stubbs moved that it be passed by so that it could be looked into. Mr. Curtis opposed this, saying that the bill was the basis of the committee's report, and that it should be taken up.

Next was the Grigsby bill, to require dentists to have certificates as a condition of practicing.

Mr. West, of Nansemond, thought it about the worst bill he has seen since he arrived in the Legislature.

The bill went to its engrossment by a vote of 21 to 12.

Byrd Announces Bill. Mr. Bowman, of Roanoke, moved that the Byrd liquor bill be taken up out of its order.

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Mr. Evans remarked that Mr. Bell had just secured the passage of a bill (the four-year local option term) which would have put the people the right to vote on a matter on which they are forced to have an opinion, and now wants to give the people a chance to vote on a question of a different nature. The Governor, he said, have thus far made no mistakes in his appointments to the commission, this being demonstrated by the fact that the representatives of the people have confirmed them.

Mr. Elizabeth explained the door, but yielded for a motion to adjourn, which was agreed to at 2:38 o'clock.

Here and There in the Legislature

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